

In the Claims:

1.-3. (Canceled).

4. (Amended) An infrared ray irradiation apparatus for a night vision system apparatus, comprising:

a lamp;

a rectilinear actuator for rectilinearly moving said lamp;

a tube made of a transparent material configured to receive said rectilinearly moving lamp; and

a reflector surrounding the tube from one end of said tube along a rectilinear direction in which said lamp is inserted into said tube,

wherein said reflector includes an infrared ray reflecting filter installed at a designated position for allowing visible rays to pass through and reflecting infrared ~~rays~~ rays.

5. (Original) The infrared ray irradiation apparatus as set forth in claim 4, wherein said infrared ray reflecting filter is installed at a central portion of said reflector so that said tube is surrounded by said infrared ray reflecting filter.